

**AGENDA**



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| <b>RCA</b>           | Austin City Council | <b>Item ID</b>     | 6273                              |
| <b>Meeting Date:</b> | 5/12/2011           | <b>Department:</b> | Economic Growth and Redevelopment |

**Subject**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month Interlocal Agreement with the Capital Area Council of Government for a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to develop a Sustainable Communities Analytics Software Tool in an amount not to exceed \$1,267,360 with one (1) eight month renewal term in an amount not to exceed \$633,680 for a total contract not to exceed \$1,901,040.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$1,901,040 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Special Revenue fund of Economic Growth and Redevelopment Service Office.

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is not required.

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| <b>Purchasing Language:</b>          |  |
| <b>Prior Council Action:</b>         | August 19, 2010 - Council authorized application for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant. |
| <b>For More Information:</b>         | Kevin Johns, Director, EGRSO / 974-7802; Greg Kiloh, Project Manager, EGRSO / 974-7836                           |
| <b>Boards and Commission Action:</b> |  |
| <b>MBE / WBE:</b>                    |  |
| <b>Related Items:</b>                |  |

**Additional Backup Information**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-117, approved December 16, 2009), funded the Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase the capacity to improve land use and zoning. The Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program will support metropolitan and multi-jurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments in a manner that empowers jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of economic competitiveness and revitalization; social equity, inclusion, and access to opportunity; energy use and climate change; and public health and environmental impact.

The U.S. Department of Housing awarded a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to Capital Area Council of Governments on February 15, 2011. Capital Area Council of Governments seeks to contract with the City for the development of a Sustainable Places Analytics Tool. This tool will provide computerized cross-functional performance modeling of different scenarios for transportation, housing, economic development, land use, and

infrastructure investment with return on investment measurements to guide both local and regional planning, policy-making, and investment in communities. The City plans to engage subcontractors for this project.